

# The Bloomfield Record.

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## A Subjugating Act.

The New General County Act, as now before the Legislature, gives Lesser nineteen freeholders, of which twelve will be from Newark, six from the townships and one at large. The Board at present consists of forty members. The proposed law will give the control of the Board entirely to the city. Reducing the number of freeholders may have some advantages, but it is well known that the smaller such bodies are, the greater is the danger of their becoming corrupt. When it is remembered that the chief duties of the Board are to oversee the bridges and county roads—that their jurisdiction is for the most part suburban, it is difficult to see the propriety of relegating this power and control over the rural districts to the city of Newark. The townships, we opine, will not submit with very good grace to this proposal of their subjugation. It is hoped the Legislature will wisely consider the proposed change before placing this new upon us. We are glad to notice that our Senator, Mr. Kirk, is not disposed to ignore entirely the interests of his suburban constituents in this matter and we hasten to honor his appreciation of equal right and justice.

## Annual Township Meeting.

The Township Committees have made up their accounts for the past year and the report is now in the hands of the printer for publication in pamphlet form. The Annual Meeting of taxpayers to hear the report read and explained, and to pass upon appropriations for the ensuing year, is called for next Monday evening in the Lecture Room.

Although there is no sharp question or questions at issue this year in our town affairs, yet the meeting is of much importance, requiring the presence of all taxpayers and citizens who study the welfare of the township. It will be for this meeting to recommend the appropriations to be voted for at the coming election. As we have before stated, the subject of paving the main thoroughfare of Broad street is now being agitated, and it is safe to say that the whole town, with scarcely a dissenting voice, favors the improvement. Mr. W. B. Corby has been engaged the past week in circulating a petition for signatures, in accordance with the law, and we are glad to announce that for the most part owners are cheerfully responding. There is a paved street as far as Belleville avenue, provided the Town Meeting of next Monday will authorize the incoming Town Committee to sign for the Public Ground, lying on the east side of the street. Surely, if the majority of owners have the public spirit to forward the improvement voluntarily, and, at their own pecuniary expense, the township ought to do its part. Let there be a hearty sanction, and then secure at least one good town ship road.

The enactment making it illegal for public official to exceed appropriations made for township purposes should receive due consideration at this meeting. Whatever sums are voted will need to be voted understandingly, and it is to be hoped that the levity which has characterized the part taken by some citizens in the past, will be omitted in the future. Let us decide upon appropriations, do it in sober earnest, having in view both the actual needs of the township and the ability of each and all to pay the assessments which will be made directly in accordance with the amount raised.

## Montclair.

Opening of Association Hall. The Y. M. C. A. a few months ago began the work of remodeling the old St. Luke's Chapel, which formerly stood north of Bloomfield Ave. in the eastern part of the township. Mr. N. O. Pillbury recently purchased and moved it to his lot on Fullerton Ave., adjacent to the Montclair Library Building.

Here it underwent a few changes to adapt it for mercantile purposes. Before this was fully consummated, the Y. M. C. A. effected a lease and began the renovation. It is now one of the coziest and most convenient rooms in the town. It will seat comfortably 300, and 400 can be crowded in. It is lighted by a reflector from the ceiling, with brackets on the side, has been frescoed and painted, with the large pictures and mottoes make it a delightful place. The Association has had a grand work on the opening, expresses this favorable opinion:

## Bloomfield's New Hall.

This beautiful temple of art was formally offered to the public last Wednesday night. The opening, through earnest and laborious preparations made by the Committee who had in charge the arrangements, proved to be the most notable success Bloomfield has enjoyed in many a day. An audience estimated at not less than 700 were present, the larger part of whom had secured their seats in advance. The balcony was handsomely decorated by flags of all nations, while the four "private boxes," which were draped with the national colors, bore also handsome portraits of Lincoln and Grant. These decorations, the combined work and taste of Directors Sherman, Morris and Williamson, contributed not a little to the general harmony and pleasing effect of the "Inaugural."

The opening address was ably made by W. K. Williamson, Esq. He congratulated the Bloomfield public on the completion and opening of this Hall, regarding it as an evidence of the town's enterprise and liberality, and then went on to speak substantially as follows:

"It should be our proudest boast that Bloomfield is our home, and it should be our aim to supply every incentive to local pride and patriotism, which springs from love of home. We should also strive to cultivate among our people a love of literature and the arts, combining the beautiful and the useful. These in the divine economy are conjoined. The arts of taste develop mental faculties and adorn life beyond those pursuits which are merely necessary or convenient.

We in Bloomfield have been a favored community, growing in material wealth, yet not unmindful of the higher aims and purer purposes which secure intellectual culture and moral excellence. Our churches, public schools and this beautiful edifice erected to art and literature, denote that our means are lavished with liberal hand for the cause of our common humanity.

The rise and progress of this Association and its work thus far are familiar to all present, and it need only be urged that it should enlist the sympathy of every good citizen in its future welfare and success. In a commonwealth like ours all are bound together by common ties which in their success or failure raise or depress a community. Then as the character of the Concert given by the Apollo Club and that projected by the Vocal Society indicates, we trust, a purpose to the part of the Board of Trustees to dedicate the building to choice and elevating entertainment and instruction.

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## CONTRA VIA.

### Vocal Society Concert.

This Concert will occur on Wednesday, the 15th inst., instead of the 13th,

begins to-day (Friday) and can be secured at Dr. White's or Geo. R. Davis's all of whom have diagrams. A fine pro-

tection of the members grammar is being arranged, consisting of choruses, semi-choruses, male quartettes, solos, &c. Admission will be 50 cents, with reserved seat 75 cents.

A simple method of supplying moisture to a room heated by a furnace, is to hang a wet towel over a chair in front of the register, and the water will evaporate and be taken up by the atmosphere as fast as it is required. This is a plan which every one can test for themselves.

Sincere sympathy is expressed for Mr. and Mrs. J. Banks Reford in their new bereavement. They have lost their only daughter, an infant of seven months. Her death was occasioned by the perils incident to teething.

There will probably be a special train on Monday and Wednesday evenings of next week to accommodate those desiring to attend the meetings of Moody and Sasey, at the Hippodrome. The train will leave New York at 10 o'clock.

The price of gas for street-lighting is declining in the cities and towns throughout the State. From \$3.00 to \$3.50 appear to be the ruling prices. Bloomfield ought not to be an exception. We are now paying \$3.75.

Mr. James Berry has found, near the M. E. Church, a large bunch of keys which the owner can be identified and payment of expenses.

Rev. George Guiry will preach in the Baptist Church next Sabbath morning and evening.

March "came in" quite lamb-like. Its fleece of snow was about three inches thick.

Nearly five thousand of the destitute poor of Jersey City are said to be suffering for the necessities of life, owing to the exhaustion of the Aldermanic poor fund. A committee of the Aldermen are in Trenton endeavoring to secure the passage of a law authorizing the board to transfer to the poor fund account from the appropriations.

"The Bloomfieldites may justly lay claim to having a hall, which for its size, has no superior in the State."

Patrick Ward, who is under sentence of death at Belvidere, is failing in health. A petition is being circulated throughout Warren county, asking for the commutation of his sentence from hanging to life-long confinement in State Prison. It is being very largely signed.

Secretary Belknap steps down and out. Next!

## Aiding the Poor.

Mr. BURROS.—I am informed that the calls on the Poor Master for aid are almost daily increasing, and the poor fund is nearly exhausted. Unless the times change soon for the better, a large appropriation will be required to meet the imperative demand for assistance.

Spring work, when it comes, will relieve a portion, but there will be but little change in their wants for some six weeks to come. The Poor Master is doing all his means will permit; but there is a worthy class not reached by the poor fund. No doubt some from modesty are not willing to ask aid from the town and prefer to suffer rather than be a town charge. The old, infirm, the sick, the discouraged are many times made comfortable and happy by a call with a handful of the little necessities of life, with cheering and encouraging words of kindness added thereto. Few whose wants have always been supplied can fully appreciate it. If those having charge of the Ladies Union Association, can be supplied with funds to apply to this class, it will do incalculable good. They are doing all they can without the aid of others.

## The Library Hall.

### To THE EDITOR OF THE RECORD:

You have called attention to the Library Association and their new Hall. Their work deserves the cordial support of all good citizens. The people will need only the opportunity which the concerts afford for testing this new audience room to learn that it is a very superior hall. There is probably none better in the State. The Bloomfield people are to be congratulated, too, that the beginning of its public use is under the auspices of the Board of Trustees to dedicate the building to choice and elevating entertainment and instruction.

The directors of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad Company met Monday, and unanimously resolved to change their broad gauge road to the standard gauge in general use throughout the country.

Along the south shore of the Delaware from Bordentown to Fish House arrived a fishing fleet from the upper Delaware. Wednesday parties captured many of the floating pieces, and several ice houses were filled in Burlington.

The Board of Education in Bayonne have ordered that on the last school day preceding the 4th of July and 23d of February either the Declaration of Independence or Washington's farewell address shall be read in the public schools.

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The Pennsylvania Railroad Company have reduced the fare over all their lines to a uniform rate of three cents per mile. This makes the fare from New York to Philadelphia \$2.75 instead of \$3.25 as heretofore. There is no good reason why other lines should not follow this example.

Bloomfield will hold its town election on Monday March 11th; Orange, East Orange and Franklin on the 13th; Morristown, Montclair on the 15th; and the other townships on Tuesday, April 10th. Irvington Village will hold its charter election on Monday, April 3d. Belleville will vote on its 1st law on Monday, April 10th.

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